Answers, That he is positive he was the very Man, inasmuch as he was well acquainted with him in Maryland, and that he saw him in Maryland and that he saw him several times at the rocky springs aforesaid, and quartered or staid at his house several days and nights as he passed from North Carolina to Maryland.

Question 10th. Do you know how, or in what manner, or by what means Thomas Hewitt the defendant came possessed of the land in question or by what tenure he holds he hold it?

Answers, He does not, ~~know~~ and further this deponent saith not.

William Williams being previously Sworn,

Question 1st. Were you acquainted with Robert Brashear who lived in Guilford County at a place called the Rocky Springs now Rockingham County?

Answers, He was well acquainted with him for Eighteen years next before his death.

Question 2d Do you know from whence the said Robert Brashear removed when he came into the State of of North Carolina?

Answers, That the said Robert often told him from the State of Maryland,

Question 3d. Do you know when or where the said Robert Brashear died?

Answers, That he died at the Rocky Springs aforesaid in the year 1786. in July, that he was present and saw him die, and knew him when dead and assisted in his burial.

Question 4th Are you acquainted with Philip Brashear son of the said Robert and whether the said Robert claimed and acknowledged him to be his eldest son?

Answers, That he was and is acquainted with Philip Brashear and often heard the said Robert acknowledge and call him his eldest Son.

Question 5th Did you ever see a certain Peter Dowell at the house of the aforesaid Robert Brashear at the Rocky Springs aforesaid?

Answers, That he very well recollects seeing the said Dowell at the house of the said Robert and that the said Robert informed this respondent the said Dowell was a Brother to his Wife.

Question

Question 6th. Do you know any thing of the claim of Thomas Hewitt to a piece of land in dispute between him the said Hewitt Defendant and Philip Brashears Lessee Plaintiff?

Answers. He does not.

James Delany, previously Sworn.

Question, 1st. Were you acquainted with Robert Brashear who lived at the Rocky Springs in Guilford County then, now Rockingham in the State of North Carolina?

Answers, That he was acquainted with Robert Brashear perhaps a nineteen years or thereabout, before his death,

Question 2d. Do you know when and where the said Robert Brashear died and whether you was acquainted with Philip Brashear and knew him to be acknowledged and claimed by the said Robert to be his Eldest Son?

Answers. That the said Robert Brashear died at the Rocky Springs aforesaid to the best of his recollection in the month of July in the year 1786, that he saw and knew him when dead, and assisted in digging his Grave and in burying him; and that he in conversation with the said Robert understood from him that Philip Brashear was his Eldest Son.

Question, 3. Do you know whether Robert Brashear removed from the State of Maryland when he came into North Carolina?

Answers, That he always understood from the said Robert Brashear and family that they originally came from the State of Maryland,

Question 4th. Do you know any thing about the claim of Thomas Hewitt to the land in dispute between him and Philip Brashears's Lessee?

Answers, Nothing of his own knowledge,

Thomas Knight previously sworn.

Question 1st. Where you acquainted with Robert Brashear late of the Rocky Springs then of Guilford County now Rockingham in the State of North Carolina.

Answers, He was well acquainted with Robert Brashear in his life time for perhaps twenty three years.

Question 2d. Do you know where and when he the said Robert departed this life?

Answers